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**Stimulus relevance modulates contrast adaptation in visual cortex**

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A general principle of sensory processing is that neurons adapt to sustained stimuli by reducing their response over time. Most of our knowledge on adaptation in single cells is based on experiments in anesthetized animals. How responses adapt in awake animals, when stimuli may be behaviorally relevant or not, remains unclear. Here we show that contrast adaptation in mouse primary visual cortex depends on the behavioral relevance of the stimulus. Cells that adapted to contrast under anesthesia maintained or even increased their activity in awake naïve mice. When engaged in a visually guided task, contrast adaptation re-occurred for stimuli that were irrelevant for solving the task. However, contrast adaptation was reversed when stimuli acquired behavioral relevance. Regulation of cortical adaptation by task demand may allow dynamic control of sensory-evoked signal flow in the neocortex.

Our sensory systems constantly receive streams of sensory signals. The computational resources to process this input, however, are limited. Neural circuits in sensory systems have been shown to reduce responses to sustained stimuli (Adrian and Zotterman 1926; Albrecht, Farrar, and Hamilton 1984; Maffei, Fiorentini, and Bisti 1973) or selectively enhance aspects of the sensory input that are relevant to a behavioral task (Desimone and Duncan 1995; Ito and Gilbert 1999; Kato, Gillet, and Isaacson 2015; Reynolds and Heeger 2009; Zhang et al. 2014). In visual cortex, neural responses to a sustained stimulus adapt over the course of a few seconds. Thus, a proposed function of adaptation is to redistribute processing resources to behaviorally relevant or novel stimuli. Most experiments on adaptation, however, were carried out in anesthetized animals. While sensory-evoked responses are known to be modulated by task engagement or

41 attention (Ito and Gilbert 1999; Harris and Mrsic-Flogel 2013; Reynolds and Chelazzi 2004), it is  
42 still unclear if cortical adaptation is modulated by the behavioral relevance of the stimulus.

43 To test the behavioral dependence of cortical response adaptation, we presented sustained  
44 moving grating stimuli to mice in different behavioral states and in conditions with different  
45 behavioral relevance of the visual test stimulus. Consistent with previous findings (Ahmed et al.  
46 1997; Carandini and Ferster 1997; Sanchez-Vives, Nowak, and McCormick 2000; Vidyasagar  
47 1990; A. J. Keller and Martin 2015), we found that the responses of neurons in anaesthetized  
48 mouse primary visual cortex (V1) adapt to sustained high-contrast grating stimuli (**Figure 1**),  
49 and that this adaptation depends on local cortical activity (King et al. 2016) (**Figure 1-figure**  
50 **supplement 1**). Several mechanisms have been proposed to underlie such contrast adaptation  
51 (Ahmed et al. 1997; Carandini and Ferster 1997; Sanchez-Vives, Nowak, and McCormick 2000;  
52 Vidyasagar 1990; A. J. Keller and Martin 2015), including tonic feedforward inhibition mediated  
53 by parvalbumin positive (PV+) interneurons (Ahmed et al. 1997; A. J. Keller and Martin 2015).  
54 Accordingly, we found that PV+ neurons adapt less than putative excitatory neurons and that  
55 adaptation is only weakly orientation-specific for both neuron types (**Figure 1-figure**  
56 **supplement 2**). To test if neural responses also adapt in awake mice, we compared adaptation  
57 measured in the same neurons using two-photon calcium imaging under anesthesia and during  
58 wakefulness. As opposed to data obtained under anesthesia, we found that adaptation was absent  
59 and neural activity even increased during sustained grating presentations in awake recordings  
60 (**Figure 1** and **Figure 1-figure supplements 2i-l,3,4**). Adaptation was stronger (i.e. slope of  
61 adaptation more negative) for almost all cells in anesthetized compared to awake mice (**Figure**  
62 **1-figure supplement 3a**). This reversal of adaptation in awake mice could be explained neither



by response saturation, nor locomotion, nor eye movements (**Figure 1d** and **Figure 1-figure supplements 2i,k,3**). We hypothesize that an attentional mechanism could prevent adaptation when a stimulus is of unknown relevance to the animal. If so, adaptation should reappear if mice divert attention away from the stimulus and learn that the stimulus is behaviorally irrelevant.

To test the role of stimulus relevance for adaptation, we designed a simple visual navigation task (**Figure 2**), in which mice were trained to run to reach the end of a virtual tunnel using visual feedback, while a drifting grating was presented in a fixed part of the visual field (probe patch, centered on the retinotopic location of the recording site; see Materials and methods). Consistent with the lack of adaptation in the passively observing awake mouse (**Figure 1**), we found that adaptation to the grating stimulus was absent initially. As mice learned to perform the navigation task, however, adaptation of neural responses to the grating stimulus reappeared ('grating-irrelevant' condition, **Figure 2e,g,h**, **Figure 2-figure supplement 1a**, **Video 1**). This reappearance of adaptation suggests that mice, as they learned to interact with the task-relevant part of the visual field, diverted attention away from the grating stimulus that contained no task-relevant information. Based on this finding, we predicted that for an identical visual input, but when the grating stimulus is behaviorally relevant, neural responses should not adapt with experience. To test this prediction, we showed a different group of mice a replay of the visual stimulus sequence generated by one of the mice in the grating-irrelevant group but increased the behavioral relevance of the grating stimuli by delivering a water reward at the offset of the grating ('grating-relevant' condition, **Figure 2f-h**, **Figure 2-figure supplement 1b**). We found that adaptation remained absent over training sessions in the grating-relevant group, despite visual experience being identical to the grating-irrelevant group. Moreover, when mice exhibited

anticipatory licking to the reward, neural responses showed an effect opposite to adaptation and activity increased over the course of the stimulus presentation (**Figure 2-figure supplement 2a-i**). We verified that the differences in adaptation between the grating-relevant group and the grating-irrelevant group cannot be explained by learning-related changes in mean running speed, time spent running or number of saccades (**Figure 2-figure supplement 2j-l**). These results suggest therefore that in behaving animals contrast adaptation is modulated bidirectionally by stimulus relevance (**Figure 2-figure supplement 2f,i**).

Thus, the responses of neurons in layer 2/3 of V1 do not adapt to sustained stimuli that are behaviorally relevant, but they do adapt if the stimulus within their receptive field is irrelevant and animals learn to direct attention away from it to other parts of the visual field. These effects are likely mediated by attentional mechanisms (Zhang et al. 2014; Kim et al. 2016) that could directly enhance the responses to relevant stimuli to prevent adaptation. The attentional modulation of adaptation was also not simply explained by changes in adaptation of inhibitory neurons (data not shown) and is unlikely to be generated only locally.

In contrast to our findings on in mouse V1, fMRI studies on awake humans have found response adaptation in V1 upon the presentation of visual patterns (Gardner et al. 2005; Fang et al. 2005; Huk and Heeger 2001, but see Kastner et al. 2003). This disparity is likely the result of small but relevant differences in study design. For example, Huk and Heeger (2001) find a weak adaptation in V1 when participants were attending to two separate moving plaid stimuli. This could be explained by the fact that distributing attention decreases attentional effects (Ito and Gilbert 1999). Other studies (Gardner et al. 2005; Fang et al. 2005) used stimuli that are known to cause adaptation in thalamus and even the retina (Smirnakis et al. 1997; Chander and

Chichilnisky 2001) and cannot distinguish the effects of cortical adaptation from those of subcortical adaptation.

In summary, we have shown that adaptation is dynamically regulated by task demand during learning. Our data are consistent with the idea that cortex dynamically regulates the flow of sensory information by suppressing responses to non-relevant stimuli through mechanisms of adaptation, while boosting sensory responses that are behaviorally important.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Animals

All experiments and surgical procedures were carried out in accordance with the UK Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act under project license 70/7573, approved by the Cantonal Veterinary Office of Zurich, Switzerland, under license number 62/2011, or by the Cantonal Veterinary Office of Basel-Stadt, Switzerland, under license number 2537.

For the electrophysiology experiments, we used transgenic mice selectively expressing channelrhodopsin-2 in parvalbumin-positive neurons (PV+). These mice were generated by crossing *Pvalb*<sup>Cre</sup> (Jackson 008069) and *Ai32* animals (Jackson 012569). Data were collected from 6 mice (2 female, 4 male, P39-P83).

For the two-photon experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, we used transgenic mice selectively expressing tdTomato in PV+ neurons. These mice were generated by

crossing *Pvalb*<sup>Cre</sup> mice (Jackson 008069) with the *Ail4* reporter line (Jackson 007914). Data were collected from 8 adult mice (2 female, 6 male, P90-161).

For the two-photon experiments on mice engaged in visually-guided behavior (grating-irrelevant and grating-relevant condition), we used transgenic mice selectively expressing tdTomato in GABAergic neurons. These mice were generated by crossing *Slc32a1*<sup>Cre</sup> mice (Jackson 016962) with the *Ai9* reporter line (Jackson 007909). Data were collected from 7 mice (2 female, 5 male, P80-P282) for the grating-irrelevant condition and 6 mice (1 female, 5 male, P80-P286) for the grating-relevant condition.

#### **Surgical procedures and anesthesia**

For the electrophysiology experiments, animals were anesthetized with a mixture of Fentanyl (Sublimaze, 0.05 µg/g of body weight), Midazolam (5.0 µg/g of body weight) and Medetomidin (Domitor, 0.5 µg/g of body weight) injected intraperitoneal (i.p.). An adequate depth of anesthesia was indicated by lack of response to toe pinch. Eye cream (Isotomax) was applied to the eyes to prevent dehydration during surgery. Atropine Sulphate (Hameln Pharmaceuticals, 0.02 µg/g of body weight) and Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate (Hospira, 0.8 µg/g of body weight) were injected subcutaneously to reduce secretions and edema, respectively. Cortex buffer solution (125 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 10 mM glucose, 10 mM HEPES, 2 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> [pH 7.4], 50 µl) was also injected subcutaneously to prevent dehydration. Throughout the experiment, body temperature was maintained at 38°C, measured with a rectal probe and controlled with a heating blanket. Fur was trimmed and an incision was made at the rear of the head, approximately level with the ears. The skull was cleared of tissue and

147 immobilized by affixing it to a metal head plate using dental cement (Paladur, Heraeus Kulzer).  
148 The plate was then secured in a frame with the head in a horizontal position. A small craniotomy  
149 (~2 mm diameter) was made above the right monocular primary visual cortex (V1), determined  
150 by stereotaxic coordinates, using a high-speed foot-operated drill (Foredom). The exposed  
151 cortical surface was kept moist with cortex buffer solution (see above). The dura was removed  
152 and the cortex was covered with 2% agarose following initial electrode array insertion. After  
153 surgery, the eye cream was removed except for a thin layer, keeping the eye moist whilst  
154 minimizing any visual disturbance.

155 For the two-photon experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, the  
156 implantation of the hook for head fixation and the virus injection were performed in two separate  
157 surgeries. First, the animals were anesthetized with isoflurane (1-2%). Throughout the surgery,  
158 body temperature was measured and controlled with a heating pad. An eye cream (Vitamine A,  
159 Bausch&Lomb) and a local anesthetic (Xylocain Gel 2%, AstraZeneca) were applied. Atropine  
160 (0.3 µg/g of body weight) and dexamethasone (2 µg/g of body weight) were injected  
161 subcutaneously. The skull was cleared and a bonding agent (iBOND Total Etch, Heraeus Kulzer)  
162 applied. A hook for head fixation was implanted by first applying a droplet of super-glue (Ultra  
163 Gel, Pattex). The hook was fixated using light curable dental cement (Tetric EvoFlow, Ivoclar  
164 Vivadent). Betadine was applied to the wound. Antibiotics (100 µg/g of body weight, ceftriaxone,  
165 Rocephin, Roche) and pain killers (5 µg/g of body weight, Metacam, Boehringer Ingelheim)  
166 were injected subcutaneously before animals woke up. In the second surgery, the skull was  
167 thinned above the right monocular visual cortex, determined by stereotaxic coordinates. The eye  
168 cream was carefully removed and optical intrinsic imaging was performed to map V1 (see

below). After making a craniotomy (3 or 4 mm diameter), 2-3 injections of 150 nl of AAV2/1-*hsyn*-GCaMP6m were made based on the intrinsic imaging and a glass coverslip was positioned. Each experiment consisted of an awake followed by an anesthetized part. For the latter we used isoflurane (0.4-1%). Throughout the anesthetized part, body temperature was measured and maintained at 38°C with a heating pad.

For the two-photon experiments on mice engaged in visually-guided behavior (grating-irrelevant and grating-relevant condition), surgical procedures have been described elsewhere (Leinweber et al. 2014). Briefly, the animals were anesthetized with an i.p. injection of a mixture of Fentanyl (Sublimaze, 0.05 µg/g of body weight), Midazolam (5.0 µg/g of body weight) and Medetomidin (Domitor, 0.5 µg/g of body weight). A craniotomy was made over the right monocular V1, determined by stereotaxic coordinates. The mice were injected with 5 injections of 100-200 nl of AAV2/1-*ef1α*-GCaMP6f, before the coverslip was positioned. Finally, a head plate was implanted.

## **Electrophysiological recordings and optogenetic stimulation**

Extracellular recordings were made using a multi-tetrode array (Neuronexus, A4x2-tet-5mm-150-200-121) that was perpendicularly inserted into the brain with a computer controlled micromanipulator (Scientifica). The probe consisted of 4 evenly spaced shanks, spanning 600 µm of visual cortex in a medial-lateral plane. Each shank contained 8 electrode sites, split between two tetrode configurations that were separated by a vertical distance of 150 µm. A reference electrode was also inserted into the cortex, away from the recording site, via a separate craniotomy. In order to target superficial cortical layers, the array was slowly lowered until

visually responsive neurons were first encountered. Visual responsiveness was assessed online from multi-unit PSTHs obtained during full-field flash stimuli. Signals were digitized at a sampling frequency of 25 kHz (Tucker Davis Technologies, RZ2 Bioamp processor). For the optogenetic stimulation of the PV<sup>+</sup> cells, illumination (470 nm) was provided by a high-power LED light source (Thorlabs), and directed via a fiber optic cable (400  $\mu$ m, Thorlabs) which was positioned 3-4 mm from the surface of the cortex, where it dispersed to cover an area approximately 3 mm in diameter. LED illumination was kept constant except for the last 500 ms, where the intensity instantaneously reduced to 50% and then linearly decreased to zero to avoid rebound activation (Chuong et al. 2014).

#### **Intrinsic signal optical imaging**

For the experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, optical imaging of intrinsic signals was performed before the virus injection of the calcium indicator. Anesthetized mice were placed in front of a monitor and the cortical surface was illuminated with a 630 nm LED light (Thorlabs). The angle of the monitor was  $\sim 45^\circ$  with respect to the craniocaudal axis of the mice with a distance of 20 cm between the center of the screen and the left eye of the mice. The position of the monitor with respect to the mice was kept constant in the following two-photon experiments. In a circular region with a diameter of  $10^\circ$  in the center of the monitor, a square-wave grating was presented for 5 s. Reflectance images were collected through a 4x objective (Olympus) with a CCD camera (Toshiba TELI CS3960DCL). Intrinsic signal changes were analyzed as fractional reflectance changes relative to the prestimulus average. Injections of the calcium indicator were made based on the intrinsic signals.

## 211 **Two-photon calcium imaging**

212 For the experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, fluorescence was  
213 measured with a custom-built two-photon microscope controlled by HelioScan  
214 ([www.helioscan.org](http://www.helioscan.org)) (Langer et al. 2013). The scanhead was based on an 8 kHz resonant scanner  
215 (Cambridge Technology), used in bidirectional mode. Images were acquired at 77.7 Hz with a  
216 resolution of 200 by 200 pixels. Illumination light source was a Ti:sapphire laser (MaiTai HP,  
217 Newport Spectra Physics). The excitation wavelength was set to 940 nm or 960 nm. Laser power  
218 under the objective (Nikon 16x 0.8 NA) never exceeded 50 mW (laser pulse width  $\leq 100$  fs at a  
219 repetition rate of 80 MHz). A volume stack was acquired at every imaging site.

220 For the two-photon experiments on mice engaged in visually-guided behavior (grating-irrelevant  
221 and grating-relevant condition), fluorescence was measured with a custom-built two-photon  
222 microscope (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/iris-scanning/>) (Leinweber et al. 2014). The  
223 scanhead was based on an 8 kHz resonant scanner (Cambridge Technology), used in  
224 bidirectional mode. This enabled frame rates of 40 Hz at 400 by 600 pixels. A high-power  
225 objective z-piezo stage (Physik Instrumente) was used to move the objective down in steps of  
226 approximately 20  $\mu\text{m}$  between frames and return to the initial position after four frames. With  
227 this system, we acquired data at four different depths, reducing the effective frame rate from 40  
228 Hz to 10 Hz. Data were acquired with a 250 MHz digitizer (National Instruments) and pre-  
229 processed with a custom programmed (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/iris-scanning/>) FPGA  
230 (National Instruments). Illumination light source was a Ti:sapphire laser with a prechirp unit  
231 (MaiTai eHP DS, Newport Spectra Physics). The excitation wavelength was set to 910 nm. Laser



power under the objective (Nikon 16× 0.8 NA) never exceeded 50 mW (pulse width  $\leq 70$  fs at a repetition rate of 80 MHz).

### **Treadmill, eye-tracking and visual stimulation**

For the electrophysiology experiments, visual stimuli were generated using the open-source MATLAB (MathWorks) Psychophysics Toolbox (Brainard 1997). Drifting square-wave gratings (3 Hz, 0.04 cpd, 100% contrast) moving in 8 different directions were presented on an LCD monitor (isoluminant at 82 cd/m<sup>2</sup>).

Then, responses to stimulus blocks of 7 s were measured. Stimulus blocks were interspersed with 3 s of grey screen. Baseline values were obtained from the 2-s time window before each stimulus. On alternate trials, cortex was optogenetically silenced during the first 3.5 s (see above). The stimuli were presented 5-40 times each.

For the two-photon calcium imaging experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, head-restrained mice were placed on a spherical air-supported treadmill (Dombeck et al. 2007), which allowed the mice to run or rest at their whim. Visual stimuli were generated using the open-source MATLAB (MathWorks) toolbox StimServer (Muir and Kampa 2015). Drifting sinusoidal gratings (1.5 Hz, 0.04 cpd, 80% contrast) moving in 8 different directions were presented (2 s grating interleaved with 4 s grey screen) on a LED-backlit monitor (BenQ XL2410T, iso-luminant at 23 cd/m<sup>2</sup>). The power-source of the LED-backlight was synchronized with the resonant scanner turnaround points (when data are not acquired) to minimize light-leak from the monitor (Leinweber et al. 2014). An iso- and cross-orientation (with an angular difference of 90°) were chosen for the adaptation paradigm. We presented a grating for 10 s at

253 the iso- or cross-orientation at 50% contrast followed by a grating for 10 s at the iso-orientation  
254 at 25% or 100% contrast. This resulted in a total of 4 stimulus conditions which were presented  
255 in a pseudo-random order for 13-31 times each. The stimulus conditions were interleaved with  
256 an iso-luminant grey screen for at least 10 s. Subsequently, the orientation and contrast  
257 adaptation paradigms were repeated under anesthesia (presented 30-48 times each). Throughout  
258 all imaging sessions, we measured running speed and eye-movements. Saccades were detected  
259 using a CMOS based video camera at 30 Hz (DMK 22BUC03, Imaging Source). Pupil position  
260 was computed offline by smoothing and thresholding the images and fitting a circle to the pupil.  
261 The filter radius and the image threshold were adapted manually for each experiment. Pupil  
262 position was filtered using a median filter. Eye movements were detected automatically by  
263 applying an adapted threshold. This method was cross-validated in several experiments using  
264 manual detection of eye movements.

265 For the experiments on mice engaged in visually-guided behavior with feedback coupling  
266 (grating-irrelevant condition), we first mapped the toroidal screen onto the cortical surface using  
267 intrinsic optical signal imaging. Single horizontal and vertical bars were shown moving over the  
268 whole surface of the screen. The treadmill, eye-tracking and visual stimulation have been  
269 described previously (Leinweber et al. 2014; Dombeck et al. 2007). Briefly, head-restrained mice  
270 ran on a spherical air-supported treadmill. Throughout all imaging sessions, we measured the  
271 trajectories of the mice in the tunnel and eye-movements with a CMOS based video camera at 30  
272 Hz (DMK 22BUC03, Imaging Source). Mice were learning to use a part of the visual field to  
273 navigate to a target location in a virtual reality environment. Each mouse had five training  
274 sessions on consecutive days (sessions were spaced by 16-32h). Starting two days before the first

275 experimental session, mice were water restricted and given a total of at least 1 ml water daily.  
276 Weight of the mice was measured daily before and after the training sessions. Before each  
277 session, orientation tuning was measured (4 s grating interleaved with 4 s grey screen). During  
278 the training session, movement in the virtual tunnel was coupled to the movements of the mice  
279 on the spherical treadmill. Mice were trained to orient and run to the end of the tunnel for a water  
280 reward (~10  $\mu$ l per reward) and were immediately teleported back to the start after passing the  
281 end of the tunnel. The difficulty of the task (length of the tunnel) was increased during learning  
282 to keep the number of rewards approximately constant (~100 per session). Fraction of time spent  
283 running across sessions was kept approximately stable by applying occasional air-puffs.  
284 Throughout all imaging sessions, we presented a horizontal sinusoidal moving grating (both  
285 directions) at 100% contrast in a circular patch (50 degrees in diameter) centered on the  
286 retinotopic location of the recording site (45 degrees to the left from the point of view of the  
287 mice). This probe patch took up only about an eighth of the entire field of view of the toroidal  
288 screen (approximately 200 degrees horizontally, 90 degrees vertically). Grating presentations in  
289 the probe patch lasted 10 s (120-163 repetitions per session) and were interspersed with random  
290 intervals of grey (10-20 s). Presentations of the drifting grating were not coupled to the behavior  
291 of the mice.

292 For the grating-relevant condition, we repeated the experiment in a new set of mice with two  
293 differences. First, the movement in the tunnel was not coupled to their movement on the  
294 treadmill but was an exact replay of the visual stimulation used for a mouse under grating-  
295 irrelevant condition. The 6 mice under grating-relevant condition were matched to 6 of the 7

mice under grating-irrelevant condition. Second, the mice were not rewarded at the end of the virtual tunnel but 1 s after the offset of the grating.

The experimental paradigm was chosen to allow us to direct the attention of the mouse either away from or towards the gratings stimulus. One potential concern with a choice of paradigm in which the animal has control of the visual flow feedback in the grating-irrelevant condition is that the difference between predicted and actual visual feedback in the probe patch could result in mismatch response (G. B. Keller, Bonhoeffer, and Hübener 2012). Mismatch responses are confined to spatially localized regions in visual space that align to the visual retinotopy (Zmarz and Keller 2016). For this reason, grating-relevant and grating-irrelevant conditions were designed to have equivalent visual flow mismatch in the retinotopic region of the probe patch. Therefore, any potential influence of mismatch responses is equivalent in both conditions. Moreover, neurons are either mismatch responsive, visually driven, or driven by a combination of both (Zmarz and Keller 2016). The neurons we select for in our analysis are the most visually responsive neurons and hence are unlikely to respond to mismatch (Zmarz and Keller 2016).

### **Analysis of electrophysiological data**

Electrophysiological data were processed using Matlab (Math-Works) using custom-written code. Single unit spikes were isolated. To this end, channels were bandpass filtered between 500 Hz and 5000 Hz and tetrodes were whitened. We identified potential spikes using an action potential detector described elsewhere (Choi, Jung, and Kim 2006). Then, we performed a principle component analysis (PCA) for each channel using the open-source cluster analysis program KlustaKwik (<http://klusta-team.github.io/klustakwik/>) (Kadir, Goodman, and Harris

2014). Clusters of potential spikes were determined based on the first three components of the PCA. We calculated the isolation distance of each cluster (Schmitzer-Torbert et al. 2005) and excluded clusters with an isolation distance below 20. The number of potential spikes in the poorly isolated multi-unit activity for each tetrode was always at least as large as the number of spikes in any single-unit cluster. Spike times were determined with a 1 ms resolution.

The preferred stimuli and cell types were determined using the average responses over the first 3.5 s of visual stimulation (see Treadmill, eye-tracking and visual stimulation). For each neuron (total 210 cells), we determined the preferred cardinal orientation. Cells were excluded if they failed to respond in at least half of the trials of their preferred cardinal orientation. Then, we compared the average responses to their preferred cardinal orientation in presence and absence of the optogenetic stimulation. Cells that had a higher average response during optogenetic stimulation were classified as PV+ cells and putative excitatory cells otherwise (data not shown).

All traces of spike rates were binned (~333 ms). Slopes of adaptation (**Figure 1-figure supplement 2a,b**) were estimated by performing a linear regression over 7 s of visual stimulation after normalizing.

### **Analysis of two-photon calcium imaging data**

Two-photon calcium images were processed using custom written MATLAB (Math-Works) software.

For the experiments on mice not engaged in visually-guided behavior, we used the open-source toolbox FocusStack (<https://bitbucket.org/DylanMuir/twophotonanalysis>) (Muir and Kampa 2015). Cells were manually selected using ImageJ (National Institute of Mental Health, NIH).

338 All traces were filtered using a sliding block filter (20 data points corresponding to  $\sim 0.26$  s).  
339 Fluorescence changes ( $\Delta F/F$ ) were calculated as  $(F-F_0)/F_0$  using a 2-s baseline before the  
340 stimulus to determine  $F_0$ . To determine orientation tuning curves, responses were calculated as  
341 averages over the whole 2-s presentation of visual stimulus. Preferred orientations were  
342 determined by fitting a sum-of-Gaussians to single-cell tuning curves. The Gaussians were  
343 forced to peak  $180^\circ$  apart and to have the same tuning width. Cells were classified as tuned to the  
344 iso- or cross-orientation (see Treadmill, eye-tracking and visual stimulation) depending on which  
345 was closer to the peak of the Gaussian fit. Cells were classified as responsive if in at least 50% of  
346 the trials the responses to the preferred orientation (iso- or cross-orientation) were significantly  
347 above baseline (Z score  $> 2.58$  corresponding to  $p < 0.01$ ). Fluorescence changes ( $\Delta F/F$ ) for  
348 contrast tuning were calculated using a 3-s baseline before the stimulus.

349 Slopes of adaptation of tuned cells in **Figure 1-figure supplement 2c,d** were estimated by  
350 performing a linear regression over 1-7 s of visual stimulation after normalizing. The initial rise  
351 (approximated by 1 s) was excluded from the fit. Adaptation in awake and anesthetized mice  
352 (**Figure 1** and **Figure 1-figure supplement 3**) was compared using neurons tuned in both states.  
353 Slopes of adaptation in **Figure 1d** were estimated by performing a linear regression over 1-9.75 s  
354 of visual stimulation (9.75-10 s was excluded due to filtering). Trials were classified as  
355 “running” if at least during half the visual stimulation the running speed of the mice exceeded 1  
356 cm/s and “resting” otherwise. Trials were classified as “eye movement” trials if the mice made at  
357 least one saccade during the visual stimulation and “eye movement-free” otherwise. Cross- and  
358 iso-orientation adaptation in anesthetized and awake mice were compared using neurons that

were tuned in anesthetized or awake mice, respectively (in **Figure 1-figure supplement 2e-h** and **Figure 1-figure supplement 2i-l**, respectively).

For the experiments on mice engaged in visually-guided behavior (grating-irrelevant and grating-relevant condition), analysis of functional imaging data was conducted as described previously (G. B. Keller, Bonhoeffer, and Hübener 2012). Briefly, data were full-frame registered using a custom written software (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/iris-scanning/>). Cells were selected manually based on mean and maximum projections. Raw fluorescence traces were calculated as the average fluorescence of all pixels within a selected region for each frame. To calculate the fluorescence changes ( $\Delta F/F$ ), the 8-percentile value of the fluorescence distribution in a  $\pm 15$  s window was subtracted from the raw fluorescence signal, which was then divided by the median of each cell's fluorescence distribution (Dombeck et al. 2007). Responses were calculated as averages over the whole 4-s presentation time of visual stimulus. Preferred orientations were determined by fitting a sum-of-Gaussians to single-cell tuning curves averaged over all sessions. Gaussians were fixed to peak  $180^\circ$  apart and to have the same tuning widths. Cells were classified as tuned to the horizontal grating if the peak of the Gaussian fit was within horizontal  $\pm 45^\circ$ . For all activity traces in **Figure 2** and **Figure 2-figure supplement 2**, average activity during a pre-stimulus baseline of 2 s was subtracted. Cells were classified as responsive if in at least half of the sessions the average responses to the horizontal grating were significantly above or below baseline ( $|Z \text{ score}| > 3.29$  corresponding to  $p < 0.001$ ). To match the initial conditions of the grating-relevant and grating-irrelevant conditions, 10% of the neurons in the grating-relevant, reward anticipating and non-anticipating condition were excluded. We excluded cells which in session 1 showed the largest deviations from the mean response in the grating-irrelevant

condition. Note that this did not change the results. The performance was quantified as fraction of time spent running ( $>1$  cm/s) in the direction of the goal with a tolerance of  $\pm 25^\circ$ . Slopes of adaptation and mean responses were estimated by performing a linear regression and averaging over 1-10 s of visual stimulation, respectively (**Figure 2g,h** and **Figure 2-figure supplements 1,2g,h**). To estimate the slopes and means, trial responses were divided into 4 bins per session. Exponential fits were done based on the binned data (4 bins per session).

All lick frequencies were baseline-corrected by subtracting the mean lick frequency 15 s to 13 s before the reward. The pre-reward licking (**Figure 2-figure supplement 2a-c**) was defined as the baseline-corrected lick frequency 0.5 s to 0 s before the reward.

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## FIGURE LEGENDS

**Figure 1** Contrast adaptation in awake and anesthetized mice. **(a)** Schematic of the experimental setup. Calcium imaging with GCaMP6m (Chen et al. 2013) was performed during presentation of drifting sinusoidal gratings. **(b)** Calcium transients from four example putative excitatory cells tuned to a moving sinusoidal grating at 50% contrast (presented for 10 s; grey shadings). The same cells were recorded during wakefulness and anesthesia. **(c)** Averaged calcium responses of tuned putative excitatory cells. Note that even small differences in adaptation can be detected using two-photon imaging (**Figure 1-figure supplement 2a-d**). Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(d)** Slope of adaptation of single cells recorded in different behavioral states (same data as in **c**; line fit to the data in time window 1-9.75 s). Anesthetized mice show a significantly more negative slope compared to all other states [anest. (169 cells) – awake (169 cells):  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank; running (51 cells):  $p < 10^{-4}$ ; resting (169 cells):  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; eye movements (168 cells):  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; eye movement-free (165 cells):  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum]. There was no significant difference between running and resting mice, as opposed to the small but significant difference in eye-movement and eye-movements free trials ( $p = 0.49$  and  $p = 0.0047$ , respectively; Wilcoxon rank-sum). NS, not significant; \*\*,  $p < 0.005$ ; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0005$ .



**Figure 2** Adaptation is modulated by stimulus relevance in awake mice. **(a)** Schematic of the behavioral task. For the grating-irrelevant condition, movement of a virtual tunnel projected on a toroidal screen was coupled to the locomotion (rotation and running on a spherical treadmill) of the head-restrained mice (Dombeck et al. 2007). Mice were trained to orient and run to the end of the tunnel for a water reward. We presented a horizontal sinusoidal moving grating in a circular probe patch centered on the retinotopic location of the recording site, interspersed with random intervals of gray (10-20 s; **Video 1**). **(b)** First and last paths of a sample mouse. The colors show individual trials. **(c)** Task difficulty (length of the tunnel) was increased over learning to keep the number of rewards approximately constant. **(d)** Learning curve of an example mouse (solid line: exponential fit). The performance is quantified as fraction of time spent running in the direction of the goal ( $\pm 25^\circ$ ). **(e)** Data from animals trained in the behavioral task under grating-irrelevant conditions. Traces show averaged calcium responses (GCaMP6f) (Chen et al. 2013) of tuned putative excitatory cells to a moving sinusoidal grating. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(f)** Same as **e** but for animals exposed to the grating-relevant condition. For this condition, the visual stimulus on the screen was a replay of the visual flow from one of the mice in the grating-irrelevant group. To match the initial responses of the grating-relevant and the grating-irrelevant traces, ten percent of neurons were excluded from analysis (see Materials and methods). Note that this did not change the results. **(g)** Slopes of adaptation of the same cells as in **e** and **f** (line fit to the data in time window 1-10 s). In the grating-irrelevant condition, the slope significantly decreases from the first to the following sessions, as opposed to the grating-relevant condition (putative excitatory: 332 and 303 cells, respectively;  $p = 0.017$  and  $p = 0.28$ , respectively; Wilcoxon signed-rank). The slopes for the two conditions are similar during the first session, but significantly differ during later sessions

561 (putative excitatory: 332 and 303 cells;  $p = 0.84$  and  $p = 0.0036$ , respectively; Wilcoxon rank-  
562 sum). The solid curves are exponential fits to the data. Error bars represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(h)**  
563 Same as **g** but for mean response to the grating. In the grating-irrelevant condition, the mean  
564 response significantly decreases from the first to the following sessions, as opposed to the  
565 grating-relevant condition (putative excitatory: 332 and 303 cells, respectively;  $p < 10^{-4}$  and  $p =$   
566  $0.85$ , respectively; Wilcoxon signed-rank). The mean responses for the two conditions are  
567 similar during the first session, but significantly differ during later sessions (putative excitatory:  
568 332 and 303 cells;  $p = 0.61$  and  $p = 0.0015$ , respectively; Wilcoxon rank-sum). NS, not  
569 significant; \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p < 0.005$ ; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0005$ .

570     **Video 1** Sample mouse under grating-irrelevant condition in session 4.

**Figure 1-figure supplement 1** Adaptation in visual cortex of anesthetized mice is prevented by optogenetic silencing of cortical neurons (see also King et al. 2016). Neural activity was recorded with multi-tetrode arrays in anesthetized mice that express channelrhodopsin-2 (ChR2) in parvalbumin-positive (PV+) neurons. To test whether adaptation in V1 depends on local cortical activity, we presented a sustained moving grating with or without locally silencing the visual cortex and probed the V1 activity level immediately after the manipulation time window.

**(a)** Averaged and binned (bin size 333 ms) spike responses of tuned putative excitatory cells to a moving square-wave grating at 100% contrast in anesthetized mice. The responses for three stimulus conditions are shown: Adapted, grating presented for 7 s; Control, grey screen presented for 3.5 s followed by 3.5 s of grating; LED+adapted, grating presented for 7 s with simultaneous optogenetic activation of PV+ cells during the first 3.5 s followed by a 0.5 s decrease of the optogenetic activation of PV+ cells (see Materials and methods). LED (optogenetic activation) and visual stimulus timings are illustrated by the top traces and marked by the vertical solid lines. The vertical dotted line indicates the time bin (first bin after LED off) used to compare the state of adaptation of the three stimulus conditions in **b**. Average traces are plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(b)** Averaged spike rate for the three stimulus conditions for the bins indicated by the vertical dashed lines in **a**. The LED+adapted condition evokes similar spike rates compared to the control and significantly more than the adapted condition (tuned putative excitatory: 109 cells; LED+adapted/adapted:  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; LED+adapted/control:  $p = 0.13$ ; adapted/control:  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). Bars plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(c)** Same as **a** but for PV+ cells. **(d)** Same as **b** but for PV+ neurons. All conditions evoke similar spike rates (tuned PV+: 27 cells; LED+adapted/adapted:  $p = 0.73$ ; LED+adapted/control:  $p = 0.067$ ; adapted/control:  $p = 0.17$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). **(e)** Scatterplot of the average spike rate

594 responses of all cells during the first 3.5 s of their preferred grating stimulus, with and without  
595 optogenetic stimulation of PV+ cells. Cells that increased their firing during the optogenetic  
596 stimulation of PV+ cells were classified as PV+ neurons, the remaining ones as putative  
597 excitatory cells. Highlighted cells (1-3) are shown in **f-h**. **(f)** Same as **a** but for a single cell  
598 classified as PV+. **(g,h)** Same as **f** but for two example cells classified as putative excitatory. NS,  
599 not significant; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0005$ .

**Figure 1-figure supplement 2** Differences in contrast adaptation across cell-types can be revealed using two-photon imaging. PV+ neurons adapted less than putative excitatory cells, consistent with the idea that they might inhibit other neurons to produce contrast adaptation (A. J. Keller and Martin 2015). Moreover, iso- and cross-orientation adaptation had similar effects on the population (see also Stroud, Ledue, and Crowder 2012). In mouse V1, PV+ neurons are much less selective to a grating of different orientations than excitatory neurons (Atallah et al. 2012; Hofer et al. 2011; Kerlin et al. 2010). Therefore, an adaptation mechanism based on PV+ neurons would result in adaptation that is only weakly dependent on the orientation of the stimulus. Indeed, adapting putative excitatory cells to their preferred or null (orthogonal to preferred) orientation results in a significant, but small difference in adapted firing rates. Moreover, no difference was found when adapting PV+ cells with either iso- or cross-orientation (with respect to test orientation). **(a)** Neural activity was recorded with multi-tetrode arrays in anesthetized mice (same cells as in **Figure 1-figure supplement 1a,b**). Averaged and normalized responses of tuned putative excitatory and PV+ cells to a moving square-wave grating at 100% contrast presented for 7 s in anesthetized mice. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(b)** Adaptation is quantified as the mean decrease in normalized spike rate per second during the stimulus presentation (tuned putative excitatory: 109 cells; PV+: 27 cells;  $p = 0.010$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). Bars plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(c)** Neural activity of tuned putative excitatory compared to PV+ cells recorded with two-photon calcium imaging. Averaged and normalized calcium responses to a moving sinusoidal grating at 50% contrast presented for 7 s in anesthetized mice. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(d)** Adaptation is quantified as the mean decrease in normalized  $\Delta F/F$  per second during the stimulus presentation (tuned putative excitatory: 545 cells; PV+: 78 cells;  $p = 3.7 \times 10^{-4}$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). The initial rise was

623 excluded in the estimation of the slope (see Materials and methods). **(e)** Averaged responses of  
 624 tuned putative excitatory cells in anesthetized mice to a moving sinusoidal grating at 50%  
 625 contrast presented for 10 s followed by 10 s of a second stimulus of increased (100% contrast;  
 626 dark traces) or decreased contrast (25% contrast; light traces). The first stimulus was either  
 627 presented at the optimal (solid traces) or the orthogonal orientation of the neurons (dotted traces).  
 628 The second stimulus was always presented at the optimal orientation. The two vertical dotted  
 629 lines indicate the time window which was used to compare iso- and cross-orientation adaptation  
 630 in **f**.  $\Delta F/F$  traces plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(f)** Iso-orientation compared to cross-  
 631 orientation adaptation (50% contrast) of tuned putative excitatory cells measured at 25% or  
 632 100% contrast. This is quantified as average  $\Delta F/F$  after adaptation (seconds 11-12; indicated by  
 633 the vertical dotted lines in **e**; 299 cells; 25%:  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; 100%:  $p < 10^{-4}$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank).  
 634 **(g)** Same as **e** but for PV+ cells. **(h)** Same as **f** but for PV+ cells (40 cells; 25%:  $p = 0.12$ ; 100%:  
 635  $p = 0.98$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). **(i)** Same as **e** but in awake mice. Note that the absence of  
 636 adaptation to the moving sinusoidal grating at 50% contrast (0-10 s) cannot be explained by a  
 637 response ceiling since the cells increase their responses when increasing the contrast to 100% (at  
 638 10 s). **(j)** Same as **f** but in awake mice (239 cells; 25%:  $p = 0.0082$ ; 100%:  $p = 0.14$ ; Wilcoxon  
 639 signed-rank). **(k)** Same as **i** but for PV+ cells. **(l)** Same as **j** but for PV+ cells (33 cells; 25%:  $p =$   
 640  $0.0064$ ; 100%:  $p = 0.20$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). Bars plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM. NS, not  
 641 significant; \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0005$ .

642 **Figure 1-figure supplement 3** Contrast adaptation in anesthetized compared to awake mice and  
643 effects of running and eye-movements on adaptation in awake mice. **(a)** Scatterplot showing  
644 slopes of adaptation of tuned putative excitatory cells recorded in anesthetized and awake mice  
645 (same cells as in **Figure 1c,d**; line fit to the data in time window 1-9.75 s). Seventeen cells not  
646 visible in plot as they lie outside of the axis shown - 13 above and 4 below the diagonal. Red  
647 cross shows mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(b)** Averaged responses of tuned putative excitatory cells to a moving  
648 sinusoidal grating at 50% contrast presented for 10 s in awake running and resting mice. See also  
649 **Figure 1d**. Note that the number of cells for running (51 cells) is smaller than for the resting  
650 condition (169 cells) because not all cells were recorded in both conditions. Curves plotted as  
651 mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(c)** Same as **b** but for trials with eye movements and eye movement-free  
652 trials.



**Figure 1-figure supplement 4** A large fraction of neurons in awake mice were suppressed during the stimulus and decreased their activity below baseline. The group of cells that were suppressed showed a positive average response under anesthesia. Of the putative excitatory cells, fewer cells showed a decrease compared to PV+ cells. Moreover, the magnitude of the decrease was larger for PV+ cells compared to putative excitatory cells. **(a)** All putative excitatory cells recorded in awake mice divided into groups which increase or decrease their activity in response to a moving sinusoidal grating at 50% contrast. The responses of the same groups of neurons are shown for the anesthetized mice. Note that the cells that are suppressed by the grating stimulation in awake mice are excited in anesthetized mice. The two vertical dotted lines indicate the time window which was used to compare the decrease in activity in **c**. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(b)** Same as **a** but for PV+ cells. **(c)** Cumulative density of cells based on their average activity in response to the grating. **(d)** Fraction of putative excitatory and PV+ cells in awake and anesthetized mice with a negative average  $\Delta F/F$  (compared to baseline) in response to the grating. **(e)** Average decrease from baseline (of decreasing cells) in response to the grating (average of 8.75-9.75 s as indicated by the vertical dotted lines in **a,b**). Decreases are significantly larger in awake mice compared to anesthetized mice (putative excitatory awake: 208 cells; putative excitatory anesthetized: 99 cells;  $p = 0.011$ ; PV+ awake: 28 cells; PV+ anesthetized: 9 cells;  $p = 0.010$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). In awake mice, the decrease is significantly larger in PV+ compared to putative excitatory cells (putative excitatory: 208 cells; PV+: 28 cells;  $p = 0.0038$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p < 0.005$ .

673 **Figure 2-figure supplement 1** Scatterplots showing slopes of adaptation of the cells in training  
674 session 1 compared to the average slope in sessions 2-5 in awake mice (see also **Figure 2**; line fit  
675 to the data in time window 1-10 s). **(a)** Grating-irrelevant condition (same cells as in **Figure**  
676 **2e,g**; 28 cells not visible in plot as they lie outside of the axis shown, 16 above and 12 below the  
677 diagonal). Red cross shows mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(b)** Grating-relevant condition (same cells as in **Figure**  
678 **2f,g**; 12 cells not visible in plot as they lie outside of the axis shown, 3 above and 9 below the  
679 diagonal). Red cross shows mean  $\pm$  SEM.

**Figure 2-figure supplement 2** Licking, running, and eye-movement behavior in awake mice. **(a-c)** Lick frequency for grating-relevant condition. **(a)** Baseline subtracted lick frequency of the two animals showing a significant increase in anticipatory licking from session 1 (dotted colored lines) to session 5 (solid colored lines). The two vertical dotted lines indicate the stimulus presentation and the vertical solid line at 0 s indicates the water reward. Inset: Average anticipatory lick frequency (-0.5 – 0 s) is significantly higher in session 5 compared to session 1 in these two animals (session 1: 111 trials, session 5: 144 trials,  $p < 10^{-4}$  and session 1: 146 trials, session 5: 143 trials,  $p < 10^{-10}$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). **(b)** Same as **a**, but for the animals with no significant increase in anticipatory licking (session 1: 145 trials, session 5: 144 trials,  $p = 0.093$ ; session 1: 108 trials, session 5: 131 trials,  $p = 0.083$ ; session 1: 108 trials, session 5: 135 trials,  $p = 0.20$  and session 1: 144 trials, session 5: 135 trials,  $p = 0.49$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). **(c)** Average pre-reward lick frequency (-0.5 - 0s) for all animals over all sessions. **(d)** Averaged responses of tuned excitatory cells of the same animals as in **a**, to a moving sinusoidal grating (displayed in the probe patch) for sessions 1 and 5. Ten percent of the neurons were excluded to match the initial conditions of the grating-relevant traces to the grating-irrelevant traces (see Materials and methods for details). Note that this did not change the results. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(e)** Averaged responses of tuned excitatory cells of the same animals as in **b**, to a moving sinusoidal grating (displayed in the probe patch) for sessions 1 and 5. Ten percent of the neurons were excluded to match the initial conditions of the grating-relevant traces to the grating-irrelevant traces (see Materials and methods for details). Note that this did not change the results. Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(f)** Traces show the differences in averaged responses of tuned excitatory cells between session 1 and 5 for the three conditions: grating-irrelevant; grating-relevant without anticipatory licking; and grating-relevant with anticipatory

licking. **(g)** Slopes of adaptation of the same cells as in **d** and **e** are shown. For reward anticipating mice, the slope significantly increases from the first to the following sessions (putative excitatory: 77 cells;  $p = 0.0022$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). For the non-anticipating mice, the slope did not show any significant difference from the first to the following sessions (putative excitatory: 226 cells;  $p = 0.45$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). The trials of each session were divided into four quarters. The vertical dashed lines separate the individual sessions. The solid curve is an exponential fit to the data. Error bars represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(h)** Same as **g** but for mean response to the grating. For reward anticipating mice, the mean response significantly increases from the first to the following sessions (putative excitatory: 77 cells;  $p = 0.020$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). For the non-anticipating mice, the mean response did not show any significant change from the first to the following sessions (putative excitatory: 226 cells;  $p = 0.23$ ; Wilcoxon signed-rank). **(i)** Bar plot shows the mean response difference (session 5 – session 1) for the three traces in **f**. Reward anticipating mice have a significantly larger response difference compared to mice under grating-relevant condition (77 cells and 332 cells, respectively;  $p < 10^{-4}$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum) or non-anticipating mice (77 cells and 226 cells, respectively;  $p = 9.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). There is no significant difference between grating-irrelevant and non-anticipating mice (332 cells and 226 cells, respectively;  $p = 0.13$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). **(j)** Proportion of time spent running over sessions for grating-irrelevant and grating-relevant conditions. The time spent running is not significantly different for the grating-irrelevant compared to the grating-relevant condition (7 and 6 mice; session 1:  $p = 0.84$ ; session 2:  $p = 0.18$ ; session 3:  $p = 0.53$ ; session 4:  $p = 0.45$ ; session 5:  $p = 0.23$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(k)** Same as **j**, but for mean speed. The mean speed is not significantly different for the grating-irrelevant compared to the grating-relevant condition (7 and

726 6 mice; session 1:  $p = 0.84$ ; session 2:  $p = 0.45$ ; session 3:  $p = 0.95$ ; session 4:  $p = 0.84$ ; session  
727 5:  $p = 0.29$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). Curves plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). **(l)** Same as **j** but for  
728 saccade frequency. The saccade frequency is not significantly different for the grating-irrelevant  
729 compared to the grating-relevant condition (7 and 6 mice; session 1:  $p = 0.63$ ; session 2:  $p =$   
730  $0.84$ ; session 3:  $p = 0.53$ ; session 4:  $p = 0.45$ ; session 5:  $p = 0.073$ ; Wilcoxon rank-sum). Curves  
731 plotted as mean  $\pm$  SEM (shading). NS, not significant; \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p < 0.005$ ; \*\*\*,  $p <$   
732  $0.0005$ .

















